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Poland

16 and 19 November 1948

1. The Chief of the Head Administration of Political Affairs of the Polish Armed Forces is Major General Mieczyslaw Wagrowski, who has replaced Major General Kuszko. General Wagrowski was born in Warsaw on 28 December 1902. He completed his secondary education in Warsaw and later graduated from the Institute of Commerce at Grenoble University. He participated in the revolutionary labor movement from his youth and was arrested by the Polish Government during this period. In 1924 he joined the Communist Youth Movement and in 1926 the KPP (Polish Communist Party). After 1939 he was history teacher in a Polish school in the USSR. In 1943 he participated in the first session of Polish Patriots in the USSR and in organizing the 1st Polish Division i/n T. Kosciuszko and held leading political posts in that division up to the end of the war. In 1945 Colonel Wagrowski was military attache in London. On returning to Poland he held a post in the Central Committee of the PPR; recently he has been Chief of the Propaganda and Labor Section. He was elected to Parliament in 1947. He has the following decorations: the Grunwald Cross, Third Class (twice); the Polonia Restituta Cross, Fourth Class; and the Silver Merit Cross.
2. Marshal Zymierski, accompanied by  M.D. Major General Rotkiewicz, inspected the Officers' Automobile School on 15 November 1948.  Comment: The Officers' Automobile School is known to be at Poznan. It may thus be concluded that Maj. Gen. Rotkiewicz is  M.D. No. 3 at Poznan. We have  carried Maj. Gen. Rotkiewicz as  M.D. No. 7 Lublin.)
3. Wanda Wasilewska, who organized the Union of Polish Patriots (Zwiazek Patriotow Polskich) and the 1st Polish Division in the USSR in 1943, visited the "Praski" Infantry Regiment of the 1st Infantry Division i/n T. Kosciuszko on 18 November

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1948. She was accompanied by Marshall Zymierski, Army Gen. Korczyc, [ ] and Forces Army Gen. Poplawski, and [ ] M.D. Lt. Gen. Strazewski. [ ] Comment: It may thus be concluded that Lt. Gen. Strazewski is [ ] M.D. No. 1 at Warsaw. [ ] we have carried him as [ ] M.D. No. 3 at Poznan.)

20 November to 15 December 1948

4. On 20 November 1948 Marshal Zymierski opened the new instructional year at the Military Academy i/n Gen. K. Swierczewski in Warsaw. [ ] Academy Lt. Gen. Berling read a report on the past year's work. Colonel Wacław Popiel [ ] lectured on "the influence of the regime on military teaching".
5. Chief Inspector of Artillery: Lt. Gen. Benziuk. [ ] Comment: we have identified Army Gen. Bolesław Czarniawski.)
6. More than 100 officers graduated from the Officers' Q.M. School on 5 December 1948. Major Gen. Piotr Jaroszewicz, 3rd Vice Minister of MON (Ministry of Natural Defense), conducted the ceremony. Major Gen. Marian Turkowski died on 13 December 1948. [ ] Comment: We carried Turkowski as [ ] 7th "Luzycan" Inf. Div. at Bytom.)

29 December 1948

7. The Soviet authorities have decided to pay to former Polish personnel of Polish and Soviet Armies their savings deposited in Field Branches of the Soviet State Bank. Applications for payment are to be made to:

The Delegate of the Govt. of the Polish Republic,  
Col. Wojciech Wilkonski,  
Pocztowa No. 6  
Legnica

[ ] Comment: The facts that there is a Polish Government Delegate at Legnica and that application has to be made through him and not through the Soviet MA in Warsaw, would seem to indicate that the most important Soviet HQ in Poland, presumably HQ Northern Group of Forces, is still at Legnica.)

CzechoslovakiaEnd of September 1948

8. 4th Partisan Regt. Patron: Zawod Dynamit - Nobel.

November 1948

9. The following were present at a reception given by President Gottwald for Col. Gen. K. S. Moskalenko, representative of the Soviet Armed Forces in Prague, on the occasion of the 5th anniversary of the liberation of Kiev:
- a. Lt. Gen. Dr. Jaroslav Prochazka: Chief of HSOV. [ ] Comment: The meaning of this Czech abbreviation is not clear. It may possibly be Political Training Section of the General Staff.)
- b. Lt. Gen. Kouril
- c. Lt. Gen. Bulandr: Chief of the President's Secretariat.

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